

**Montana Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Sciences Division**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR INITIAL PESTICIDE
DEALER AND APPLICATOR LICENSING**

The use and sale of pesticides is regulated for the protection of people and their environment. Pesticides are considered valuable and necessary to provide sufficient quantity of quality foods and for the protection of humans from vectorborne diseases. However, the protection of people and their essential needs such as water, air, food, livestock, vegetation, pollinating insects and shelter from pesticides which are potentially dangerous is in the public interest. The Montana Department of Agriculture has the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Montana Pesticide Act. The following is a brief summary of some important points dealers and applicators need to know to become licensed.

I. WHO NEEDS TO BE LICENSED?

1. Pesticide Dealer - Any person who sells pesticides in or into Montana except those pesticides used only for home, yard and garden use.
2. Pesticide Applicator -
 - a. Commercial Applicator - A person, who by contract or for hire, applies pesticides to land, plants, seed, animals, or water.
 - b. Non-Commercial Applicator - A person who can't be classified Private, Commercial, Government, or Public Utility, but desires the use of restricted use pesticides.
 - c. Public Utility Applicator - A person who applies pesticides to land owned or leased by a public utility.
 - d. Governmental Applicator - A person who applies pesticides for a city, county or state or other government agency to public lands or right-of-ways, or as a public service.
3. Private Applicator - Any person who applies restricted use pesticides to their own crops, land or leased lands. (If you feel that you are a private applicator, contact your MSU county extension agent for further instructions.)

II. HOW IS A LICENSE OBTAINED?

1. Dealers -

- a. Passing an exam with a 75% or better,
- b. Completing an application form,
- c. Payment of license fee (\$55.00).

2. Commercial Applicators -

- a. Passing exams with a 70% or better for general use products or 80% or better for restricted use products,
- b. Meeting financial liability requirements,
- c. Completion of an application form,
- d. Payment of license fee (\$55.00).

3. Governmental Applicators -

- a. Passing exams with a 70% or better for general use products or 80% or better for restricted use products,
- b. Completion of an application form,
- c. Payment of licensing fee (\$60.00).

III. WHEN AND WHERE ARE EXAMS GIVEN?

Exams are given by the Montana Department of Agriculture at the Helena office, Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm, or at any of the five pesticide specialist field offices on the first Monday of each month, or by appointment. The exam questions are based on manuals that are available for purchase from the department. The manuals the applicant will be tested on will depend of the licensing category for which you are applying. To obtain manuals see question VIII.

IV. LIABILITY?

A commercial ;pesticide applicator must show proof of financial responsibility before a license can be issued. An aerial applicator must carry minimum liability of \$1,500.00 and all other applicators must carry minimum liability of \$500.00.

The financial responsibility must be maintained in full force and be effective during each entire licensing period.

The liability requirements may be met in one of three ways:

1. Insurance - The insurance policy must cover any off-target chemical damage. This policy can have any deductive up to \$500.00 except as provided by ARM 4.10.102(2).
2. Surety Bond - This can be obtained through a bonding company.
3. Liability Indemnity (deposit of cash also known as a CD) - This can be obtained through your bank. This account must be automatically renewable and held jointly by the applicator and the Montana Department of Agriculture. NO pass-book savings, NO municipal bonds, NO government savings bonds will be accepted.

V. WHERE ARE APPLICATIONS OBTAINED?

Pesticide applicator and dealer application forms are available from the department at Helena and the field offices. They may be obtained after you have passed your exams.

VI. WHEN IS A LICENSE ISSUED AND FOR HOW LONG?

All requirements for licensing must be completed and in the Helena office before a license can be processed. It takes the Helena office up to three weeks to process a license. A person must have a license in hand before pesticides can be sold or applied. The license that will be issued to you is good for the calendar year, then it must be renewed.

VII. IS A LICENSE ISSUED TO A BUSINESS OR AN INDIVIDUAL?

A pesticide license is issued to an individual, not a business. If a person licensed as a dealer or an applicator leaves employment of the business, the business cannot sell or apply pesticides until another person is licensed.

VIII. HOW DO I ORDER TRAINING MANUALS?

The Montana Department of Agriculture has prepared a series of training manuals to help pesticide applicators and dealers prepare to be licensed. Manuals can be ordered from the Department of Agriculture by filling in the enclosed order form and listing the manuals that you wish to receive. Below is a list of applicator categories and a short explanation of their duties. With each category is a series of numbers that refer to the manuals needed for that category. To find the appropriate manuals for each category, refer to the numbers on the "TRAINING MANUALS ORDER FORM".

<u>MANUALS</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
1, 7	AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to animals (livestock) or places that animals are confined.
1, 2	AGRICULTURAL PLANT PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to an agricultural crops or rangeland.
1, 15	AGRICULTURAL VERTEBRATE PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticide to control wild vertebrate animals.
1, 3 plus training	AQUATIC PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to any standing or running waters.
1	DEALER - Any person who sells pesticides within Montana, except the pesticides used for home, yard and garden use.
All manuals appropriate to the applicators work	DEMONSTRATION & RESEARCH PEST CONTROL - An applicator that demonstrates to the public the proper use of pesticides, makes or approves pesticide recommendations or a person who conducts field research of pesticides.
1, 4	FOREST PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to forests, forest nurseries and forest seed producing areas.
1, 6	INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, STRUCTURAL, AND HEALTH RELATED PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticide in, on or around food handling and manufacturing establishments, human dwellings, institutions, industrial establishments including warehouses and any other structure and adjacent areas for the protection of stored, processed or manufactured products.
1, 10	ORNAMENTAL & TURF PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers and turf.
1, 6 and/or 9	PUBLIC HEALTH PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides in public health programs to control pests having medical and public health importance.

1, 9 REGULATORY PEST CONTROL-MOSQUITO ABATEMENT - A governmental applicator who applies pesticides to control mosquitoes.

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1, 8 and/or 13 plus training REGULATORY PEST CONTROL-PREDATOR - A governmental applicator who use the M-44-44 device or Livestock Protection Collar to control coyotes.

1, 11 REGULATORY PEST CONTROL-WEED - A governmental applicator who applies pesticides to public roadways or right-of-ways as an employee of a government agency.

1, 11 RIGHT-OF-WAY PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides to public roads, power lines, pipelines or railway right-of-ways.

1, 12 SCHOOL IPM - An applicator using or supervising the use of pesticides in the school environment, including but not limited to school yards, buildings, playing fields, and other property under the jurisdiction of the school district.

1, 5 SEED TREATMENT & ELEVATOR PEST CONTROL - An applicator who applies pesticides or fumigants to seeds, in seed storage areas or uses pesticides in or around the elevator seed storage facilities.

1, 14 SPECIAL UTILITY - An applicator who is employed by a utility company that applies only pole wraps and soil sterilants.

1, 16 WOOD PRODUCT PEST CONTROL - Any applicator using or supervising the use of pesticides for pole framing, piling applications, railroad tie repair, pressure treatment applications for home and farm uses, brush on treatments, sap stain control, and uses in non-pressure treatment plants for the protection of wood products.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Counties: Deer Lodge, Flathead,
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Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders,
Silver Bow

District II
Brad Jones
MT Department of Agriculture
2273 Boothill Court Ste 120
Bozeman, MT 59715

Phone: 587-9067
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Broadwater, Fergus, Gallatin,
Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis &
Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park,
Sweetgrass, Wheatland

District III
Tracy Vischer
MT Department of Agriculture
750 6th St SW
Great Falls, MT 59403

Phone: 761-0926
Counties: Cascade, Chouteau,
Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera,
Teton, Toole

District IV
Shelley Mills
MT Department of Agriculture
Post Office Bldg RM 203
PO Box 1054
Glasgow, MT 59230

Phone: 228-9510
Counties: Blaine, Daniels, Dawson,
Garfield, McCone, Petroleum,
Phillips, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt,
Sheridan, Valley, Wibaux

District V
Rande Roth
MT Department of Agriculture
321 S 24th St W
Billings, MT 59102

Phone: 652-3615
Counties: Big Horn, Carbon, Carter,
Custer, Fallon, Golden Valley
Musselshell, Powder River, Rosebud,
Stillwater, Treasure, Yellowstone

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TRAINING MANUAL ORDER FORM

➔ **Please TYPE or PRINT**
APPLICANT NAME :

Manual Sent _____

_____ Last

_____ First

_____ M.I.

DBA: _____ PHONE: _____
Firm or Store Name

BUSINESS LOCATION: _____
Street No. City County State/Zip

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street No. City County State/Zip

TITLE	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
1) Basic Pesticide Manual	\$ 5.00		
2) Agricultural Plant Pest Training Manual	\$15.00		
3) Aquatic Weed Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
4) Forest Pest Control Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
5) Seed Treatment & Elevator Pest Control Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
6) Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Public Health Pest Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
7) Livestock Pest Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
8) Livestock Protection Collar (1080) Training Manual	\$10.00		
9) Mosquito Control Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
10) Ornamental & Turf grass Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
11) Right-of-Way and Regulatory Weed Training Manual	\$12.00		
12) School IPM Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
13) Sodium Cyanide and the M-44 Device Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
14) Special Utility Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
15) Vertebrate Pest Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
16) Wood Preservative Training Manual	\$ 5.00		
17) Montana Pesticide Act & Administrative Rules	\$ 0.00		

TOTAL

TYPE OF FINANCIAL LIABILITY FORM (if needed)

____ Insurance ____ Certificate of Deposit
____ Bond

Make check payable to: MT Department of Agriculture
Send check and form to the address shown above